

MAGISTRATE JUDGES' WORKLOAD

In addition to their numerous duties and responsibilities, the two magistrate judges are also assigned approximately 25% of all Southern civil cases for all purposes, including trial and entry of judgment, under the Magistrate Judge Opt-Out Program. In addition, the magistrate judges are randomly assigned all newly-filed prisoner and pro se cases, subject to receiving the express consent of all parties. The magistrate judges also conducted twenty-nine settlement conferences last year, with over a 60% success ratio.

A. Chief Magistrate Judge Boyle's Workload The number of civil consent case terminations under § 636(c) decreased 8% during 2003, following a 38% rise the preceding year. The number of motions in civil consent cases rose by 9% during 2003. On the criminal side, under 28 U.S.C. § 636(a) duties, the number of search warrants increased 71%, while initial appearances went up 32%. There were also significant increases under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) duties (felonies) including probation/supervised release and revocation hearings, which rose 38% , and writs, which increased by 29%.

B. Magistrate Judge Williams' Workload The number of civil consent cases terminations under § 636(c) declined 15% during 2003, after a 59% increase the prior year. The number of civil consent motions went up 3%, as did the number of pretrial conferences. On the criminal side, under 28 U.S.C. § 636(a) duties, there were significant increases in a number of categories. Attorney appointment hearings skyrocketed 1120% while CJA fee applications rose an astonishing 168%. The number of initial appearances went up 87% while grand jury sessions increased 111%. Some astonishing increases were recorded under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) duties (felonies). Non-dispositive motions rose 81%. Pretrial conferences /omnibus hearings soared 172% while writs escalated 233%.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Civil Workload For the 12 Month Period Ending December 31 Chief Magistrate Judge Boyle					
	2001	% Change	2002	% Change	2003
PRISONER CASES					
State Habeas	3	-33%	2	-100%	0
Federal Habeas	0	-	0	-	0
Civil Rights	0	-	0	-	0
TOTAL	3	-33%	2	-100%	0
PRISONER CASES - SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION					
Non-Dispositive Motions	117	-54%	54	-100%	0
In Forma Pauperis Grants	22	-91%	2	-100%	0
TOTAL	139	-60%	56	-100%	0
ADDITIONAL CIVIL DUTIES § 636(b)					
Non-Dispositive Motions	437	-7%	405	-38%	250
Dispositive Motions	73	-41%	43	-70%	13
Evidentiary Hearings	3	-100%	0	-	0
Fee Applications	0	-	0	-	0
Social Security Appeals	9	-78%	2	-50%	1
Settlement Conferences	15	13%	17	-18%	14
Pretrial Conferences	0	-	0	-	0
Motion Hearings /Arguments	61	-51%	30	-37%	19
Other	0	-	0	-	0
TOTAL	598	-17%	497	-40%	297
CIVIL CONSENT CASES § 636(c)					
Without Trial	63	41%	89	-7%	83
Jury Trial	3	-67%	1	0%	1
Non-Jury Trial	0	-	1	-100%	0
Total Case Terminations	66	38%	91	-8%	84
SUPPLEMENTAL CIVIL CONSENT INFORMATION					
Motions	376	70%	640	9%	697
Pre-Trial Conferences	64	42%	91	-1%	90
Other	21	33%	28	-54%	13
TOTAL	461	65%	759	5%	800

U.S. Magistrate Judge Criminal Workload

For the 12 Month Period Ending December 31

Chief Magistrate Judge Boyle

	2001	% Change	2002	% Change	2003
PETTY OFFENSES					
Dismissed/Acquitted Without Trial	1	-100%	0	-	0
With Trial	0	-	0	-	0
Convicted Without Trial	2	-100%	0	-	0
With Trial	0	-	1	-	0
TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	3	-67%	1	-100%	0
28 U.S.C. § 636(a) DUTIES & MISC					
Search Warrants	41	-7%	38	71%	65
Summonses	2	1150%	25	-12%	22
Arrest Warrants	16	100%	32	-19%	26
Initial Appearances	66	27%	84	32%	111
Attorney Appointment Hearings	41	-80%	8	-100%	0
Detention Hearings	77	47%	113	-26%	84
Bail Reviews / Forfeitures	1	-100%	0	-	0
Preliminary Exams	8	25%	10	0%	10
Arraignments	164	12%	183	-3%	177
Judgement Debtor Exams	0	-	26	-77%	6
Contempt Proceedings	0	-	0	-	0
CJA Fee Applications	54	117%	117	-11%	104
Grand Jury Sessions	21	0%	21	-14%	18
Naturalization Proceedings	6	-17%	5	0%	5
Other	21	-57%	9	-89%	1
TOTAL	518	30%	671	-6%	629
§ 636(b) DUTIES (FELONIES)					
Non-Dispositive Motions	156	-19%	127	-6%	119
Dispositive Motions	24	-50%	12	-8%	11
Evidentiary Hearings	3	-100%	0	-	0
Pretrial Conferences / Omnibus Hearings	0	-	0	-	2
Mental Competency Hearings	0	-	0	-	0
Probation / Supervised Release Revocation Hearings	19	-58%	8	38%	11
Writs	20	125%	45	29%	58
Motion Hearings / Arguments	2	150%	5	-60%	2
Guilty Plea Proceedings	21	429%	111	-16%	93
Other	0	-	0	-	0

U.S. Magistrate Judge Civil Workload For the 12 Month Period Ending December 31 Magistrate Judge Williams					
	2001	% Change	2002	% Change	2003
PRISONER CASES					
State Habeas	0	-	0	-	0
Federal Habeas	0	-	0	-	0
Civil Rights	7	-100%	0	-	0
TOTAL	7	-100%	0	-	0
PRISONER CASES - SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION					
Non-Dispositive Motions	7	-100%	0	-	0
In Forma Pauperis Grants	9	-100%	0	-	0
TOTAL	16	-100%	0	-	0
ADDITIONAL CIVIL DUTIES § 636(b)					
Non-Dispositive Motions	310	-13%	271	-15%	229
Dispositive Motions	114	-26%	84	-79%	18
Evidentiary Hearings	0	-	0	-	0
Fee Applications	1	200%	3	0%	3
Social Security Appeals	16	-81%	3	-100%	0
Settlement Conferences	15	33%	20	-25%	15
Pretrial Conferences	1	600%	7	-100%	0
Motion Hearings /Arguments	81	-54%	37	-54%	17
Other	0	-	0	-	0
TOTAL	538	-21%	425	-34%	282
CIVIL CONSENT CASES § 636(c)					
Without Trial	65	60%	104	-12%	92
Jury Trial	2	-50%	1	-100%	0
Non-Jury Trial	1	200%	3	-100%	0
Total Case Terminations	68	59%	108	-15%	92
SUPPLEMENTAL CIVIL CONSENT INFORMATION					
Motions	420	46%	615	3%	635
Pre-Trial Conferences	42	-10%	38	3%	39
Other	84	-45%	46	-37%	29
TOTAL	546	28%	699	1%	703

U.S. Magistrate Judge Criminal Workload

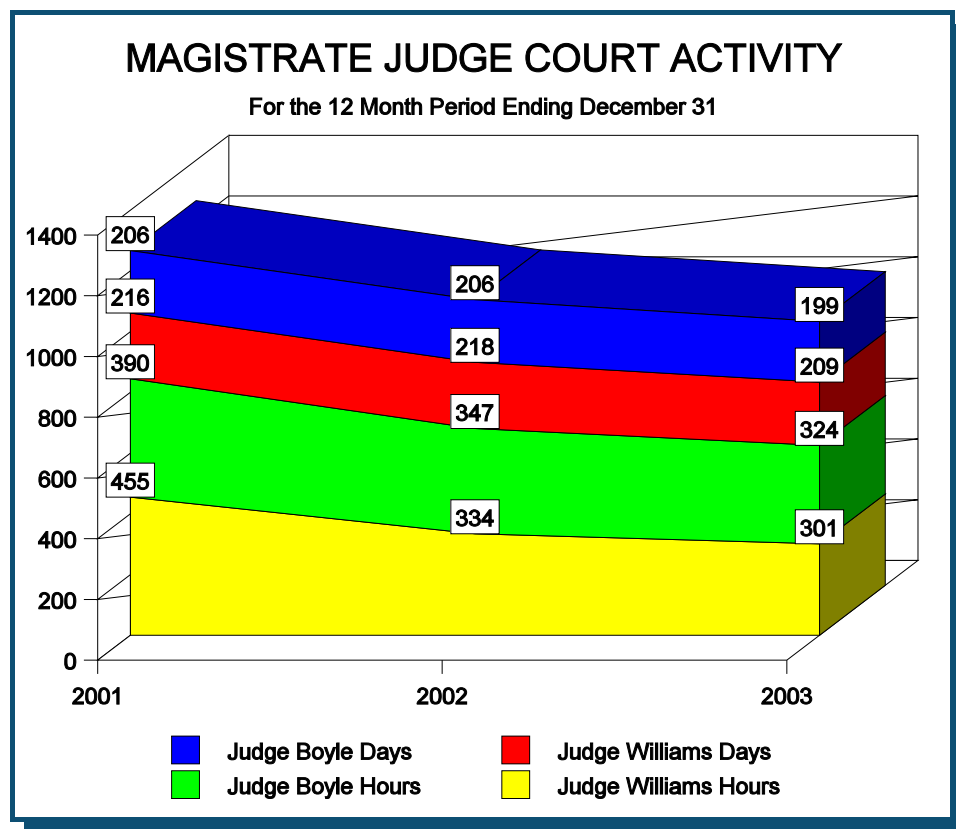
For the 12 Month Period Ending December 31

Magistrate Judge Williams

	2001	% Change	2002	% Change	2003
PETTY OFFENSES					
Dismissed/Acquitted Without Trial	0	-	0	-	1
With Trial	0	-	0	-	0
Convicted Without Trial	4	175%	11	-9%	10
With Trial	4	-100%	0	-	0
TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	8	38%	11	0%	11
28 U.S.C. § 636(a) DUTIES & MISC					
Search Warrants	43	21%	52	2%	53
Summonses	17	-100%	0	-	1
Arrest Warrants	34	-82%	6	67%	10
Initial Appearances	37	27%	47	87%	88
Attorney Appointment Hearings	103	-95%	5	1120%	61
Detention Hearings	94	-7%	87	-3%	84
Bail Reviews /Forfeitures	0	-	1	-100%	0
Preliminary Exams	19	-89%	2	150%	5
Arraignments	122	62%	198	-14%	170
Judgement Debtor Exams	30	-97%	1	200%	3
Contempt Proceedings	10	-80%	2	-100%	0
CJA Fee Applications	35	-11%	31	168%	83
Grand Jury Sessions	7	29%	9	111%	19
Naturalization Proceedings	2	150%	5	80%	9
Other	11	36%	15	-53%	7
TOTAL	564	-18%	461	29%	593
§ 636(b) DUTIES (FELONIES)					
Non-Dispositive Motions	47	194%	138	81%	250
Dispositive Motions	8	413%	41	10%	45
Evidentiary Hearings	1	-100%	0	-	0
Pretrial Conferences / Omnibus Hearings	1	3800%	39	172%	106
Mental Competency Hearings	1	0%	1	0%	1
Probation / Supervised Release Revocation Hearings	15	0%	15	33%	20
Writs	8	-25%	6	233%	20
Motion Hearings / Arguments	1	-100%	0	-	0
Guilty Plea Proceedings	16	281%	61	-15%	52
Other	0	-	0	-	0

C. **Magistrate Judge Court Activity** During 2003, the amount of Magistrate Judge court hours decreased overall by 8%, while the number of court days dropped by only 4%. However, there were significant increases in both Coeur d'Alene and Pocatello, whose hours rose 29% respectively. Although approximately 49% of the magistrate court proceedings involve Boise cases, both magistrate judges routinely conducted court proceedings in Pocatello, Moscow, and Coeur d'Alene. In fact, each of the divisional offices except Moscow exhibited an increase in both the number of magistrate court days and hours during the past year.

Magistrate Judge Court Activity						
For the 12 Month Period Ending December 31						
		2001	% Change	2002	% Change	2003
Judge Boyle	Hours	390	-11%	347	-7%	324
	Days	206	0%	206	-3%	199
Judge Williams	Hours	455	-27%	334	-10%	301
	Days	216	1%	218	-4%	209
Total	Hours	845	-19%	681	-8%	625
	Days	422	0%	424	-4%	408



Magistrate Judge Court Activity by Location *						
For the 12 Month Period Ending December 31						
		2001	% Change	2002	% Change	2003
Boise	Hours	618	-33%	414	-27%	304
	Days	301	-14%	260	-15%	221
Pocatello	Hours	124	28%	159	29%	205
	Days	55	51%	83	24%	103
Moscow	Hours	60	-35%	39	-28%	28
	Days	31	3%	32	-22%	25
Coeur d'Alene	Hours	43	60%	69	29%	89
	Days	35	40%	49	20%	59
Total	Hours	845	-19%	681	-8%	626
	Days	422	0%	424	-4%	408

* Note - It is the divisional code of the assigned case **not** the physical location of the judge that determines where the time is logged.

